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## TORRANCE HERALD

# Sports

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### Metropolitan Cage Wars Under Way Here

The 1953 Metropolitan Junior College Conference basketball season opened Friday night with three games and another three last night.

A tight chase for the title is expected, with Charley Church's Long Beach Vikings cast in the role of slight favorites before the play opened.

Their edge may be dulled with the graduation of star guard Clarence Smith in mid-semester.

Smith is the sparkplug of a well-balanced squad that includes All-CIF star Bob Blake, up from Long Beach Poly High, and Ted Mitchell, Santa Monica, runner-up for the Chaffey Tournament crown and semi-finalist in the Glendale Tournament, is given the best chance to knock over Long Beach.

The Santa Monica Corsairs are led by Regis Donnelly, the fifth leading scorer of the league last year, center Jim O'Hara, and guard Bob Johnston.

The El Camino Warriors are led by forward Bob Ross, who ranked third in the scoring race last season with 235 points. He has been joined by Bill Baron

### Grid Captain Honored for Sportsmanship

Captain Ted Maroux of the 1952 Torrance High football squad was presented the Ray Richhart Sportsmanship Trophy last Wednesday at the annual awards banquet in the high school cafeteria.

Award of the trophy by its donor, Richhart, highlighted the first such affair staged for the high school athletes.

Tabbed by the coaches as the most valuable football player of the year was Fullback Beryl Jones. His name will go on a huge blanket which hangs in the coaches' office with the names of the outstanding player of each major sport for the past five years.

Unanimous decision of the players for the sportsmanship award to a Bee grider went to Freddie Diesel, a former member of Don Porter's Bee team who is confined to an iron lung with polio.

Other awards went to the varsity cross-country team which brought home a championship this year, to the winners of berths on the mythical All-Bay League team, and to other athletes.

Announcement was also made that Burt Smith had been elected captain of the 1953 grid team.

El Camino grido coach Norm Verry capped off the evening with a talk to the athletes and their fathers on the advantages of competing in sports.

### Semi-pro Ball Club Studied

Chances that Torrance may again have a baseball team looked brighter this week when members of the Recreation Commission were told that Longren Aircraft had indicated an interest in sponsoring such a team.

The announcement followed a series of meetings held by a number of players interested in resuming baseball in Torrance. The meetings have been arranged by Jack French and Tex Roberts, who have formed a semi-pro baseball committee.

At a meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening, a group of players including French, Harry Theodosis and Billy Joe Walters were told of the offer to sponsor a team. They had met with plans to solicit merchants throughout the area for support of a team.

"It would cost about \$25 a week for umpires, balls, and a couple of bats," French said. Plans are to re-enter the Southern California semi-pro leagues with games in Torrance every Sunday.

Recreation Commission Chairman Darwin Parrish has indicated an interest in the proposal and has offered to assist the men organize a team here.

### Warriors Downed By Bakersfield

One Torrance basketball team is starting the league season at the top of the pile while the other is at the bottom following opening games Friday evening.

The Torrance High School Tartars opened the season with a victory over the Inglewood Sentinels 33-30 on the Sentinel boards.

The El Camino Warriors are starting on the bottom after a 63-56 loss to Bakersfield.

The Tartars played a head-to-head game against the taller Sents and kept scoring even through the first three periods of play. The first quarter score was 8-8, the halftime score 16-16, and the third quarter score 24-24.

Forward Bob Moon led the scoring for the evening with a point total of 13.

In other Bay League contests Friday night, the Beverly Hills Normans had little trouble in downing Leuzinger 56 to 44.

Hottest contest of the league was turned in by Redondo and Santa Monica. Redondo won 56-53 in an overtime game which was knotted at 49-49 at the end of the regular playing time.

Center Harlan Geach potted two field goals while Bud Andrews and Jack Sutton sank three charity tosses to put the Seahawks in front at the end of the overtime period.

After a week's rest, the Tartars will entertain the Beverly Hills quintet here next Friday.

The Normans are favored to cop the league title.

### Standings

	Won	Lost
TORRANCE	1	0
Beverly Hills	1	0
Redondo	1	0
Santa Monica	0	1
Inglewood	0	1
Leuzinger	0	1

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